

Our Foreign Missions.

MONTREAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

On the 9th of March, in the bright new Erskine Church, Montreal, was an attractive gathering, bright with high and holy purpose, for it was the fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society, which supports a lady missionary in Honan, has undertaken the support of a native preacher in Macao, China, and is engaged in Home and French work. Delegates were present from all the Presbyterian churches in the city and from many outside.

The welcome and response, the address of the President and the report of the Secretary, the admirably answered question box, were all of deepest interest, while the report of the Treasurer was eloquent of fact and figure, that in these hard times the income of the Society for the year had been \$3,143.53 or \$500 more than that of last year.

The business of the Society is transacted by an Executive Committee, which consists of the officers, regularly appointed delegates from the auxiliaries, and twelve others, elected annually. This executive meets monthly. Read carefully the Annual Report which will soon be issued.

Four new auxiliaries were added during the year, and it is hoped this good work of extension will go on until one has been formed in every Church in the Province.

DR. BUCHANAN AND THE BHEELS.

One point in connection with the Mission to the Bheels of India is worthy of repetition. It will not hurt Dr. Buchanan by unduly lifting him up, and it may bring more help to his hospital scheme.

When he and Mrs. Buchanan went to India eight years ago, and found out that a poor, timid race among the hills, numbering nearly a million, and downtrodden by their Hindu masters, were entirely without the Gospel, they wished to labor among them. But the Foreign Mission Committee were not prepared thus to extend their field and the Buchanans went to work in Ujjain, one of India's sacred, fanatical cities.

They had neither proper house nor hospital. Mrs. Buchanan's health suffered greatly from living and working under such unhealthy conditions, and death claimed from them a child. At small expense to the Church, but at no little cost and work to themselves, they succeeded, while carrying on their other work, in erecting a good mission house and a Hospital.

When foundations were thus well laid the Foreign Mission Committee saw its way to undertake work among the Bheels. The minds of the missionaries seemed to turn with one consent to the Buchanans, both of them doctors of medicine, and they consented to go and begin the new Mission.

There is of course no loss in this for there

is no new language to learn, others can take up and carry on their work at Ujjain and their experience in foundation work will be helpful to them, but it is no light sacrifice to spend so many of their best years in foundation work and then to undertake similar work in a new field.

The Foreign Mission Committee have allowed him to appeal to the Church for \$5,000, to build a mission house, an orphanage for boys, an orphanage for girls, and a Hospital which will be used for Hospital, Church, and many other purposes.

One generous lady, now living in Boston, has given the \$500 for a boys' orphanage. Another lady of like mind, in Montreal, has given a similar sum for a girls' orphanage. A warm-hearted Scotchman, in Charlottetown, P. E. I., has given \$500 towards the Hospital. Many others have helped.

Some shares remain untaken, shares at from fifty cents to five hundred dollars. Who wishes to take stock in the enterprise, and share in its profits?

A VISIT TO MUNTTEHAW (Montreal).

An interesting feature of an interesting gathering in Montreal on the Chinese New Year, a few weeks ago, was the following dialogue between three Chinamen. The scene is laid in Sanneng, a Chinese city, in a native shop. The shopkeeper, A, is behind the counter, B and C, who have been away to America, enter.

B. "Good evening Sinshang. You look about as ever.

A. (lowering his goggles.) And who are you, may I ask?

C. "You don't know us after these years of absence?"

A. Why, yes I do now. How do you do? (Shaking hand Chinese fashion.) Please be seated. And when did you get back?

B. Oh we reached Hongkong by the "EMPRESS OF CHINA" several days ago, and came over yesterday.

A. Your letters showed you were pretty badly used in that Western land and we feared there wouldn't be much of you left, if indeed you got back alive. They are not the peaceable people we are.

C. No, there is a great deal of ill will towards the Chinese and many suffer hardships and injustice; but we've been living in the fine old city of Muntehaw (Montreal), where we found the people very kind and friendly for the most part, except the City Hall folks. Good and bad every where you know, but then by peaceably minding one's business, with industry and economy we save enough to provide for ourselves and our parents, though expenses are heavy.

A. I understood all of that rude people were ill-users of you because you belonged to the great Chinese people. So the Japanese and other inferior nations do not suffer nor are they taxed as we are; but once allowed